



## **ASSOCIATES JUNIORS**

### **AS WE END THE 2007 SEASON**

It's been a good season for the Juniors with just over 270 boys making up 16 teams, many of whom finished towards the top of their divisions. Our U11 Gold team won their league, with the U11 Green team coming second, U14 Gold were unfortunately knocked out in the semi final stages and our U15's won their Grand Final against Wanneroo.

We are also pleased to tell you that the Club has had good State representation this year at U15, U16 and schoolboy level and our congratulations go to those boys.

Unfortunately for us Susan Glenn, our secretary, is moving back to Sydney with her family. Susan, her husband Chris, and the boys have all been a great asset to the Club over the last 5 years. We would like to particularly thank Susan for her enthusiasm and commitment to the Club and we wish them all well in their move back East.

We are hoping to break some parts of the Secretary's job down into sections that others can maybe help with so anyone interested in taking on a small, non committee based, job within the club please get in touch with either Ellen Tolmie or Dave Klink to find out more (see contact details below).

We would also like to thank Gilly Watson for her huge contribution towards the club over the last 9 years. Gilly has been selling our merchandise for all of that time, as well as being a manager for many a year too but has now decided it is time to take a break and maybe just come down to sip the odd glass of champagne in a more leisurely fashion!

The Club has been fortunate this year to have many volunteers for coaching\managerial roles and we are pleased to tell you that we have 16 accredited Touch Judges now within the club. This is something we hope will continue next year along with more Touch Judges and other volunteers taking on some of the roles mentioned above. Having accredited touch judges makes a big difference to the game and we would love to see this number grow next year. We also have a growing number of referees within the Club. You can start refereeing from 13 years of age so if any of you are interested be sure to check out the RugbyWA website for more details

[www.rugbywa.com.au/community\\_rugby/referees/referees,30563.html](http://www.rugbywa.com.au/community_rugby/referees/referees,30563.html) .

RugbyWA have already planned a season of clinics for next year. If you haven't already had notice of these then check out this link to find out more information.

[www.rugbywa.com.au/community\\_rugby/rugby\\_development/development\\_landing,51831.html](http://www.rugbywa.com.au/community_rugby/rugby_development/development_landing,51831.html)

RugbyWA are also offering Clubs the opportunity to raise funds through the New Memberships 2008 programme for the Emirates Western Force. Anyone interested in becoming a new member should ask for the special membership form and ensure you put ASSOCIATES down as your nominated club for us to receive a donation from RugbyWA.

On behalf of the sponsorship committee a very big thank you to ALL our 2007 season sponsors. Without your valued support the club would not progress on and off the field in the way it did. We look forward to your continued commitment for the 2008 season. The 300 club has continued to grow through this great support and already new sponsors are committing to the 2008 season. Please continue to talk and spread the opportunity that the 300 club offers to any potential sponsors. Anyone wishing to know more about the 300 club please contact Neil Clarke, 04 3881 4881.

We hope to start some early pre season training with our older groups and will be contacting everyone in good time as soon as we have things finalised. Registrations for 2008 will begin mid January.

Don't forget to keep checking out the Soaks website for updates and information.  
[www.associatesrugby.com.au/](http://www.associatesrugby.com.au/)

Lastly our Club President, Edna Rovira, is stepping down at the end of this year. Edna has been a great supporter of the Juniors and we would like to formally thank her for her support and encouragement.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

UP SOAKS !!!

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